

## The 4-way Test

Of the things we think, say, or do:

1. Is it the TRUTH?
2. Is it FAIR to all concerned?
3. Will it build GOODWILL and BETTER FRIENDSHIPS?
4. Will it be BENEFICIAL to all concerned?

## Rotary Information

### Message from RI President Bill Boyd

February 2007  
The Rotarian

Dear fellow Rotarians,

Thirty-one years ago, Muhammad Yunus, then a professor of economics at Chittagong University in Bangladesh, discovered a harsh reality of extreme poverty: The difference between self-sufficiency and virtual slavery is much smaller than one might think. In the village of Jobra, he found, it was just a few cents.

While talking to a bamboo-stool maker, Yunus learned that the woman purchased her supply of bamboo on credit, for roughly 25 U.S. cents, every morning. Lacking the money for even a single day's supply of bamboo, she would never be able to repay the loan. Throughout the village, Yunus found many in similar straits. Their total debt? Twenty-seven U.S. dollars. Yunus did what was, for him, the natural thing: He paid their debts. The new entrepreneurs quickly turned a profit, his loan was repaid, and microcredit was born.

The idea of giving small loans to the very poor was a revolutionary one, and it has had revolutionary results. In 2005 alone, 100 million microcredit loans helped people in 130 countries. Today, Rotarians are involved in more than 60 microcredit projects around the world. In 1999, Yunus was honored at the RI Convention in Singapore. In October, he received the Nobel Prize.

The simple principle of microcredit is also a principle of Rotary. Small changes can become great changes, and a seemingly inconsequential act can have tremendous consequences. Just as 25 cents in that Bangladeshi village meant so much more than merely a quarter of a dollar, the prosperity of an unnoticed individual or village has international implications.

As we enter World Understanding Month, we are reminded by Yunus' achievement that we can never know every consequence of what we do. His loan of \$27, given in compassion, led to far more good than he could possibly have imagined. Our Rotary work also leads to benefits we'll never see: new friendships, new connections, warm feelings among people who may have little in common.

Poverty, as we know too well, is a tremendous obstacle to peace and stability. So, every intelligent act of generosity, every project that helps others to lead better lives, is also an act of hope. We Rotarians share the belief that love for others does make a difference. Each small act of kindness, from one human being to another, brings us closer to each other and to the kind of world we hope to leave to our children.

We may think we are only helping to equip a school, supply a clinic, or build a well for a faraway community. But in truth, what we are doing is helping to build a better, more stable, and more peaceful future.

W.B. (Bill) Boyd  
President, Rotary International

## Fellowship

### Songs

#### Roll on Rotarians

Roll on Rotarians  
Roll on and spread your  
good cheer  
Roll on Rotarians  
Sing so the whole world can  
hear  
Rotary wheels are moving  
Serving both those far and  
near  
If you want to work with  
the Rotary  
Join the gang right here!

#### Pilipinas kong Mahal

Lupang sintang kinagisanan  
Pilipinas kong mahal  
Dibdib at puso ko'y alay,  
Pilipinas kong mahal  
Ang dagat at dalatan mo'y  
nag-uutos upang ikaw  
Ay lagi kong paglingkuran  
Pilipinas kong mahal  
Ang bayan ko'y tanging  
ikaw,  
Pilipinas kong mahal  
Ang puso ko at buhay man,  
sa iyo'y ibibigay  
Tungkulin kong  
gagampanan  
Na lagi kang paglingkuran  
Ang laya mo'y babantayan,  
Pilipinas kong mahal.



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#### Rotary Club of Los Baños Makiling

### Leading Team RY 2006-2007

#### Officers

*President: Lumen Gomez*  
*Pres. Elect: Lynda Rebugio*  
*Vice President: Kat Lopez*  
*Secretary: Gina Santos*  
*Asst. Secretary: Let Africa*  
*Treasurer: Beth Beltran*  
*Auditor: Ethel Cabral*  
*PRO: Tere Velasco*  
*CICO: Gina Santos*

#### Committee Chairs

*Membership: Lynda Rebugio*  
*Administration: Kat Lopez*  
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*TRF: Peachay Tuazon*  
*Ways & Means: Eli Libas*  
*Sports Devt: Let Africa*  
*Talent Devt: Marie Caoili*  
*Values Devt: Ritz Laude*

#### Service Projects

*Club: Eli Libas*  
*Vocational: Vio Quintana*  
*Community: Cora Villareal*  
*Kat Lopez*  
*Youth: Lynda Rebugio*  
*International: Elvie Fernandez*

#### Board of Directors

*Council of Past Presidents*

#### Highlights of the meeting

### Mayor Caesar Perez meets with Club, drivers, and student-partners re Maginoong Driver project

February 9, 2007-- Los Baños Mayor Caesar Perez met with three drivers' groups, student-partners from the University of the Philippines Los Baños (UPLB) College of Development Communication, and RCLB Makiling during the regular club meeting at The Learning Place. The sole agenda item was the *Maginoong Driver* project, which will be launched on February 25, at 10 am in front of Baker Hall, in UPLB.

A multisectoral effort, *Maginoong Driver* is a communication and educational campaign intended to educate drivers and passengers about safe driving, proper driving etiquette, and local traffic ordinances; and instill values of discipline and safety.

This year, the club is partnering with a group of students from the

**In the coming Rotary year, I ask all of you to join me as we Lead the Way to a better Rotary and better communities.**

*William B. Boyd, RI President*



UPLB CDC DevCom Class 180 (Educational Campaigns) to develop educational and communication materials, and implement the communication campaign. A total of 400 drivers who belong to four drivers groups are participating in the effort, along with the Land Transportation Office, Society of IRRI Nonresearch Professionals (SINoP), Los Baños Traffic Management Office, and UPLB through the Office of the Vice Chancellor for Community Affairs.



## Today's Program

### Meeting 2007-7

Call to Order: Pres. Lumen Gomez & Pres. Pat Santos

Invocation: Treas. Willy Litan

National Anthem: Dir. Vio Quintana

The Four-Way Test: PP Gil Fernandez

Introduction of Visiting Rotarians & Guests: PP Cora Villareal

Recognition and Finest Moments: PDS Sendong Palis

Community Singing: VP Jake de Luna

Featured Talk: Former UP President Emil Javier

Charging of New Members: PP Ruben Villareal

Induction of New Members: PDG Feliciano Calora

Introduction of Guest Speaker: PP Eli Libas

Message : DG Onye Reyes

Presentation of Joint Projects: PP Ruben Villareal

Open Forum: PP Ruben Villareal, Moderator

Pilipinas Kong Mahal: PVP Bobby Bautista

Adjournment: Pres. Lumen Gomez & Pres. Pat Santos

### Attendance



February 9, 2007

- Beth Beltran
- Myrna Carandang
- Lumen Gomez
- Eli Libas
- Kat Lopez
- Vio Quintana
- Dinna Ramos
- Gina Santos
- Serge Baldos
- Ethel Cabral

### Guests

- Mayor Caesar Perez
- Ismael Cadapan
- Monica Tejada
- Gera Rigor
- Kristine Magadia
- Doming Montecillo
- Miguel Portea
- Alex Batilo
- PP Romy Quintana

## Today's Rotary Prayer



The Lord is my shepherd, I shall not want. He makes me lie down in green pastures; he leads me beside still waters; he restores my soul. He leads me in right paths for his name's sake. Even though I walk through the darkest valley, I fear no evil; for you are with me; your rod and your staff--they comfort me. You prepare a

table before me in the presence of my enemies; you anoint my head with oil; my cup overflows. Surely goodness and mercy shall follow me all the days of my life, and I shall dwell in the house of the Lord my whole life long.

### Communications/Announcements

- Matching Grant 58870 of RC Burwood and RC San Pablo to provide wheelchairs for the needy throughout the district.
- PEs and SEs may still submit their info sheets not later than February 20
- Invitation to attend PETS 2007 on March 24-25 at Dalampasigan Beach Resort, Sariaya, Quezon
- Program for the 1st Public Relations Seminar, Max's Restaurant, Maharlika Highway, San Pablo City, Saturday, February 17
- Invitation from RC Calamba City for 2nd District Governor Public Speaking Seminar on March 1

## Update on GK Los Banos Ville project

The Gawad Kalinga Los Banos Ville project was launched last Saturday, February 10, at the project site in Barangay Tuntungin-Putho. In attendance were beneficiary-families, GK project members, UPLB officials, members of the Couples for Christ and other religious organizations, local government officials including barangay captains led by Brgy Captain Benny Alborrida, Los Banos Mayor Caesar Perez, Governor Ningnig Lazaro, Congressman Timmy Chipeco, representatives of partner organizations, including RC Los Banos and RC Los Banos Makiling, student organizations, fraternities/sorrorities from UPLB, NGOs, professional societies, and volunteer and civic groups.

Individuals and organizations pledged support for the construction of the houses, community facilities such as a multipurpose center, a bridge to connect the site to UPLB; technical expertise, technologies, training, education; and other development interventions.

## President's corner

### Joy & fulfillment

"All ends well that is meant well". Overall, the medical mission was a success in its own right! One hundred sixty beneficiaries from 9:00 am to 12:00 noon! That's the wonder that synergy of the 5 T's bring--Thinking, Time, Talents, Treasure, & Technology of 3 doctors (Family Medicine), 16 nurses, 7 Rotarians, 1 Young Environment Steward, 25 KappaEpsilon frat members & their sis, and 12 RCC members (Sisters' Club).

Thank you all for being there! Thanks to:

\* KappaEpsilon for turning to RCLBM for support through our 2005 RYLA delegate Raymond Ronan. This initial activity has led to greater collaboration towards a common goal of helping the less fortunate. I hope their delegates will finish the YES-1 TOT Modules & implement "Oplan Alagaan Molawin Creek".

\* The Lyceum of the Philippines University for sending Dr. Cesar Cedullo and his nursing students. Dr. Cedullo's message reflected his genuine concern for the vulnerable, his being a true Filipino, and his passion for teaching our youth;

\* Dr. Marius Moran (& Dr. Thadeus Amado) who never denied any request for a medical mission despite hectic appointments with patients, demonstrating the talent of finding a way--"if there is a will, there is a way";

\* The Sisters' Club led by Sis. Laura Chavez for the facilities, venue, food preparation & serving, clean-up, and cheers; The Club takes pride in their becoming partners in service as our RCC;

\* The members of the Club for their support: Rtn. Gina & Diane, PP Kat, PP Eli, Rtn. Dinna, and Treas. Beth for the help with the coordination, setting up the project, helping organize the activity, providing invaluable comments, and just being there. Special thanks goes to our YES-1 participant and scholar, Jessica Tabor, of the Laguna State Polytechnic College.



### Important dates ...

Feb. 11 --- RCC Seminar for Sisters' Club, signing of registration papers, 9-10 am, Tahanan ng Ama (TNA) by Pres. Lumen and Sis Laura Chavez

Feb. 16 --- Oplan Alagaan Molawin Creek, a YES-1 spin-off project, clean-up along Molawin Creek from Library to Seniors Social Garden, c/o Treas. Beth

Feb. 25 --- Formal launch of Maginoong Driver project, 10 am, in front of Baker Hall

Mar. 2-3 --- DISCON, Pres. Lumen & Rtn. Dinna preregistered. Dir. Vio will join us on the 2nd day.

Mar. 5 --- GSE Korea, 1:30 pm pick-up at IRRI, to AGRIPARK c/o Treas. Beth, to Dairy Training and Research Institute (DTRI) c/o Pres. Lumen, to Makiling Center for Mountain Ecosystems (MCME) c/o Rtn. Myrns, then to National Arts Center (NAC) c/o RCLB. Dinner with RCLB. Pres. Pat of RCLB to bring team back to host families in Calamba.

Mar. 6 --- GSE Korean team member's vocational day with Chair Vio Quintana at TLP. Farewell dinner for GSE Korean team c/o Area 1 Grp 3 (Calamba, Los Banos, Bay) at Ding Hao Restaurant, P200/pax

Mar. 10 --- MagNegosyo Forum & Livelihood Seminar on Bamboo Products c/o prospective member Tess Pantua of DTI and Rtn. Jo Lapitan

Mar. 24-25 --- PETS (President-elect's Training Seminar), Sariaya, Quezon

### Reminders

February 17 -- First Public Relations Seminar, Max's Restaurant, San Pablo City

February 24 -- District Sportsfest "SIGLATORY", Lucena

March 1 -- 2nd District Governors Public Speaking Seminar, La Vista Pansol Resort, Pansol, Laguna

March 2-3 -- DISCON, Manila Hotel

March 5, 1:30 PM -- Hosting of visit by GSE South Korean team at IRRI, Mount Makiling trek, and UPLB tour

March 6, 10:00 AM -- Vocational tour for Sang-Wook Han, GSE SK team member at TLP c/o Dir Vio Quintana; 7:00 PM -- Joint meeting with Calamba, Calamba City, Los Banos, Bay, West Bay clubs, GSE SK team to make presentation

March 24-25 -- PETS 2007 Dalampasigan Beach Resort, Sariaya, Quezon

### Gawad Kalinga Ground Breaking



